

## Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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It makes sense for you to add a section on catheter stabilization to your "Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections." Statlock is the only **evidence based** stabilization device on the market that has been **proven** to reduce complications in peripheral IVs and central lines. There are a number of published studies from peer reviewed journals to document the dramatic difference mechanical stabilization makes. I am happy to send these studies if needed. The Infusion Nurses Society recommends the use of a mechanical stabilization device and **Statlock products are the only products on the market that fully meet INS standards.**

Please refer to the 2010 INS standards if there is any doubt to what I am saying. The Infusion Nurses' Society are experts in the field of all things related to catheters and the prevention of complications. They are saying we need to move away from tape and dressings for IV/central line/PICC securement. Mechanical stabilization is better for patients and clinicians. Reducing catheter means reducing IV/PICC restarts which saves clinicians from unnecessary needle exposure. Thank you.

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